

Baylor Clamps Down On 'Playboy'

By Terry Barone

WACO, Texas (BP) — Three senior editors of Baylor University's school newspaper, *The Lariat*, have been fired and a Baylor journalism faculty member relieved of his teaching responsibilities because of their support of a continuing controversy involving Baylor women posing for "Playboy" magazine.

The three editors were Jeff Barton, editor-in-chief; Berry Kolar, city editor; and Cyndy Slovak, news editor.

In support of the students, journalism faculty member, Don Williams, turned in his resignation Feb. 29 to become effective at the end of the semester. But on March 3, Baylor officials accepted his resignation effective immediately and relieved him of all teaching responsibilities. He will be paid until the end of the semester.

The shake-up comes after a photographer, said in January he would be in Waco, Texas, where the university

is located, in February seeking Baylor coeds to photograph for a feature in the magazine on "The Girls of the Southwest Conference." As of March 4, he had not shown up.

The editors were dismissed by the Baptist university's board of publications on the recommendation of the director of publications, Ralph Strother, for what was termed as non-compliance with new university guidelines requiring that editorials be screened by administrators before publication.

Continued Coverage

The Lariat has made the "Playboy" offer to photograph coeds a matter of continuing coverage of and editorial opposition to Abner McCall's threat to take strong disciplinary action against any coed who poses nude or semi-nude as a representative of Baylor. McCall is Baylor's president.

McCall said he did not object to balanced news coverage of the "Playboy" episode, only to continuing

editorials advocating a stance contrary to that of the university position or to point-of-view stories that did so.

If Baylor takes legal action against a coed who poses for the magazine, "Playboy" officials have said they will provide legal counsel for her.

Loyal Gould, chairman of Baylor's journalism department and board of publications, said the vote of the 11-member board, composed of six students and five faculty members was "unanimous" for dismissal.

Ultimatum

The editors' dismissal came after Strother gave an ultimatum on Feb. 29 to resign or be fired because of an editorial in the newspaper to which sentences critical of the Baylor administration were added after he had approved the original editorial. He caught the additions before they went to press after he said he was told by the students they had "polished up" the editorial. He told them in an early morning call he would not view the

changes but then changed his mind and found the added sentences.

The sentences said: "We hope the time has come when the student body will no longer accept the smugness of Dr. McCall's interpretations. We hope the protest Wednesday is a sign that students are tired of the arrogant position taken by the administration."

The "protest Wednesday" referred to a silent protest carried out by a handful of students outside McCall's office on the steps of the university administration building, Pat Neff Hall.

The protest was in regard to new publications guidelines adopted the previous week after *The Lariat* published an editorial advocating that women should be allowed to pose nude.

The editorial stated: "To pose or not pose: that is the question — a clear and simple issue now buried somewhere under a mudslide of moralism precipitated by a new rain of fundamentalist politics."

Earlier in the week, the Baylor president warned the editors that he would not tolerate editorials "denying the basic tenets of the Christian faith of the Baptist beliefs on biblical personal morality."

McCall went on to say, "Since Baylor University was founded by Texas Baptists and is operated by Texas Baptists to conduct a program of Christian higher education, it has always been the policy of the university that no university publication, including *The Lariat*, should espouse a position contrary to the Christian nature and purposes of the university."

Should Resign

"If any student editor or reporter sincerely feels that he or she cannot work within the policies or guidelines therein set forth, he or she should resign from *The Lariat* staff."

"I cannot accept the efforts (of *The Lariat*) to present a questionable preoccupation with the plans of a pornographic magazine involving Baylor

as a noble stance on a non-existent right of the freedom of the press in this situation."

McCall said the university is the publisher of *The Lariat* since it owns the newspaper and pays all of the expenses incurred by the newspaper.

He said, "historically and legally, freedom of the press under the First Amendment has always been freedom of the publisher. The publisher of the newspaper has the freedom to establish the policies of the newspaper and determine the editorial stand of the newspaper. This constitutional freedom does not belong to the editors or reporters employed by the publisher. They have only such freedom to establish policies and take editorial positions as the publisher shall, in his discretion, give to them. This is not censorship historically or legally."

Publication of *The Lariat* was suspended until the board of publications' next meeting, March 18, after Baylor Spring break.

RA Congress Offers Bold Witness Theme

The Royal Ambassador Congress, April 4-5 at Mississippi College will have the theme "Bold Witnessing."

This theme will be illustrated through missionary service, music and entertainment.

The missionary service will be discussed by Jerry White and Jimmy Barrentine. White is a school teacher



Powell White

in Korea and Barrentine is an evangelist in Paraguay. Both are appointees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Barrentine is a native of Magee and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He has been pastor of Rockport Church and Palestine Church at Harrisville.

White is a native of Marion County and a graduate of William Carey College, New Orleans Seminary and University of Southern Mississippi. He was pastor of Dinan Church at Tyler-town from 1967-74.



Bewley

Music for the meeting will be led by Jeff Powell, a Jackson native and graduate of Hinds Junior College and Mississippi College. He is a student at Southwestern Seminary.

The entertainment comes from John Bewley, activities director at Broadmoor Church in Jackson. His business card lists as his attributes: magician, ventriloquist, juggler, musician, athlete, speaker, and cyclist.

Also during the weekend program will be a track meet and a basketball tournament.

The Congress is designed for boys in grades 1-12 and their RA counselors. Total cost will be \$12 including housing, meals, and insurance.

Write, including \$2 deposit per person, to Royal Ambassador Congress, Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

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Education Commission Initiative

Executive Body Proposes Clarke Fiscal Assistance

Financial assurance through the Spring semester of 1981 has been guaranteed Clarke College by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The committee met in a special session March 14 after the Clarke administration and trustees requested a hearing to discuss financial conditions at the college. Meeting jointly with the Executive Committee were the Christian Education Commission and the Clarke trustees.

In separate meetings the Education Commission made the suggestion of financial assurance through the Spring semester of 1981, and the Executive Committee endorsed the action with slight alterations.

During the course of the general meeting that preceded the separate meetings of the Commission and the Executive Committee, M. L. Flynt of Meridian, chairman of the Clarke College trustees, declared that with two years' time to get through a financial

pinch the college is experiencing at the present, it will be on its feet and would be able to continue to serve, as an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Clarke College, a junior college, is located at Newton.

A primary element in the consideration of a course of action was the study concerning Clarke College now under way by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This study was requested in the Spring of

last year in a joint recommendation by the Clarke trustees and the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission. It was adopted unanimously by both the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention in their meetings in November.

The purpose of the study is to submit proposals as to how the college can be better able to serve as an educational institution of the convention, according to Education Commission spokesmen.

The financial problem troubling Clarke was said to stem from a declining enrollment, in statements made during the meeting last week. During this school year there are 162 students at the college. This is a decline from 209 last year, but that figure was an increase from the 177 of the year before. Prior to that there had been a gradual decline from the peak of 445 students in the 1965-66 school year.

The action proposed by the Education Commission and accepted by the Executive Committee and the Clarke trustees was that the Mississippi Baptist Convention assure the operation of the college through the Spring semester of 1981, during which time the study by the SBC Education Commission will have been completed and the alterna-

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Broadcast Deregulation Revives On Two Fronts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Broadcast deregulation, which died in the 1979 Congress, is resurfacing again on two fronts.

Alexander Memorial Church Burns

Alexander Memorial Baptist Church, James, Miss., in Washington County, burned to the ground Saturday morning, according to church treasurer, B. A. Naron.

The church, near Hollandale had a seating capacity for about 300. The auditorium, and all educational space were under one roof. Naron said the likely cause was a defect in the heating unit.

Naron said the building which was built in 1973 at a cost of \$60,000, had insurance of \$52,000 on the building and \$8,000 on contents.

He said that the church had just voted to increase coverage by another \$10,000 on its next renewal. That renewal would have gone into effect next month.

R. B. McNeer is pastor.

In Nashville, the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is urging Southern Baptists to oppose a Federal Communications Commission proposal and legislation in the U.S. Congress leading to ward deregulation of radio.

In Washington, the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to decide if the Federal Communications Commission may decline to review radio licensees' program content when broadcast licenses are renewed or transferred.

The FCC's position is that the Communications Act of 1934, under which the agency operates, gives it the discretion to allow "marketplace forces" to determine the content of radio stations rather than to impose its own standards.

Also, three bills currently before Congress also point toward allowing deregulation. They are H. R. 6121 in the House and S. 611 and S. 622 in the Senate.

Harry N. Hollis, Jr., and William H. Elder III of the Christian Life Commission are urging Southern Baptists to oppose such legislation and also to write to the FCC, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20554, before March 25 to protest its deregulation proposal.

The FCC is now receiving public comment on the Deregulation of Radio

Proposal until March 25 when the opportunity for public comment closes. Another 90 days, until June 25, will allow time for organizations and individuals to react in writing to any of the public comments received by the March 25 deadline.

Those who oppose deregulation argue that "marketplace forces" will not serve the public interest. "The FCC should be in the business of regulating on behalf of the public, not of special interests," declares Hollis, who testified before House and Senate Subcommittees in last year's successful effort by a wide range of groups to kill deregulation efforts in Congress.

Deregulation is bad news for those who believe that the airwaves belong to the people," Hollis said. "It is a sad day indeed when the FCC, as the agency charged with the responsibility of upholding the public interest, now proposes to abandon its responsibility to marketplace forces."

"That overlooks the problem of the advertiser who is out to create a public desire for products and services," Elder added. "The market is not simply responded to, it is also shaped and molded, and broadcasters are particularly effective in doing that shaping. A responsible society recognizes that susceptibility to media influence and so refuses to accept the idea that whatever sells must be good for it."

Hollis and Elder believe that deregulation will lead to omission of much of what is now aired under public service requirements, including much religious programming. They reject industry arguments that broadcasters automatically will know what is good for the public.

"It is likely that only the 'electronic church,' which pays the broadcasting companies with money which it solicits in connection with its broadcasts, would survive," Elder said.

Although most broadcasters, including many religious broadcasters, approve the deregulation proposal, groups such as the Christian Life Commission, the United Methodist Church and the U.S. Catholic Conference

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Martyrdom Certificate Can Console

DENVER (EP) — If you have had three tragic events in your life you're eligible for a "Certificate of Martyrdom" from the Church of World Peace.

The Denver-based church says that it is offering the certificate for those who find it difficult getting through the day and that the certificate will be something "to console your misery."

For only \$5 and a letter listing the three tragic events, you can be eligible for listing in the "Official Archives as a Church Martyr. You may also nominate a friend or relative to the status of martyrdom if you're looking for a gift they'll never forget you for," the news release says. The Church of World Peace also offers certificates of sainthood, born-againism and certificates for those wishing to be bishops.

A sample copy of the martyrdom certificate reads: "The suffering you have had to endure at the hands of life has been almost more than any person can bear. Rarely has such a noble soul been forced to put up with such undeserved agony. In recognition of your extraordinary plight, the Church of World Peace hereby awards this Certificate of Martyrdom. Your name shall remain in the Church Archives in perpetuity."

FMB Urges President On Spy Policy

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has urged President Carter to establish a clear policy forbidding the involvement of missionaries or other religious workers in intelligence gathering by the CIA or the FBI.

The statement, contained in a letter signed by the board's president, John W. Patterson of Richmond, Va., and its executive director, R. Keith Parks, was approved by the board, March 11.

The board endorsed the stand taken earlier by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs after some Carter administration officials indicated they were not opposed to the use of religious workers as intelligence agents.

The letter asked the president to express the government policy "so clearly as to remove any suspicions about the matter. For our government to do otherwise, or even to remain silent and leave the question in doubt, will do grave damage to the cause of Christian world missions," it said.

This action came in a meeting in which a new role was announced for administrative associate Rogers M. Smith, the resignation of W. Eugene Grubbs as executive director of the board, and relief ministries was announced.

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Vacation Bible School Clinic

Janet Adcock, a member at First Church, Biloxi, leads a session of a leader training conference for VBS. These leaders will in turn teach associational clinics listed on page 5.

Volunteers Are Sought To Aid In Mauritius

CUREPIPE, Mauritius — Southern Baptist missionaries in Mauritius are seeking a humane education officer, an athletic coach and an agriculturalist to serve as the first mission volunteers on this Indian Ocean island.

The desire for the humane education officer, the first ever requested through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, shows that missionaries "are continually seeking ways committed Southern Baptist lay persons can have

a significant ministry in expanding the career missionaries' sphere of influence and witness," said James W. Cecil, associate consultant for laymen overseas of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

J. D. Shuja, the honorary secretary of the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, told missionaries that this volunteer was needed to organize and train

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Allotted SBC Hotels Filled

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — All the rooms specially allotted for use by messengers to the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting in June in St. Louis are gone, according to Tim Hedquist, convention manager.

But Hedquist said the SBC housing committee is trying to find rooms for persons who still need them and aren't in contact with outlying hotels, where other rooms may be available.

Hedquist suggested persons needing rooms contact him at the Executive Committee of the SBC in Nashville for information about available rooms. No calls will be accepted by the housing bureau in St. Louis.

He said the rooms filled up quickly because of cooperation by state Baptist conventions in distributing registration forms early.

Baptismal Listing Offered To Check "Aim"

By Earl Kelly

Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Churches belonging to the Mississippi Baptist Convention reported 15,831 baptisms in 1979 — a 17% increase over the previous year. Even then, it required an annual effort of 38.5 Mississippi Baptists to win one person to Christ — hardly a Pentecost!

Our Evangelism Department is attempting to challenge our churches to

move toward a baptismal ratio of 25 winning one by 1984. Mississippi Baptist churches must baptize 17,237 converts if we are to be on target by the end of 1980.

In order to help us determine if we are on target a partial list of churches with their baptismal results for the first three months of the associational year appear in the columns below.

Let us pray that every church in Mississippi will baptize converts this year.

Alcorn Association

Antioch 2
South Corinth 3
West Corinth 3
FBC, Corinth 2
Holly 9
Oakland 16

Attala Association

Ethel 3
FBC, Kosciusko 6
McAdams 14
McCool 1
Sand Hill 1
Second, Kosciusko 1

Benton Association

Ashland 2
Pine Grove 3
Pleasant Hill 1
Hickory Flat 2

Bolivar Association

FBC, Boyle 2
Calvary 4
Immanuel 2
Merigold 3
Midway 5
Ray Memorial 1
Yale Street 3

Calhoun Association

Antioch Cal 1
FBC, Bruce 2
Concord 2
Drivers Flat 2
Duncan Hill 1
FBC, Calhoun City 1
Mt. Tabor 6
New Providence 1
Second, Calhoun City 1
FBC, Vardaman 2

Carroll Association

New Shiloh 1
North Carrollton 2
Valley Hill 2

Chickasaw Association

FBC, Okolona 6
Parkway 4
Pleasant Ridge 10
Woodland 10

Choctaw Association

Ackerman 4
Blythe Creek 1
Hopewell 1
Mt. Moriah 2
Weir 2

Clarke Association

Bucatanua 7
Calvary 2
Center Ridge 1
Enterprise 4
Harmony 1
Hebron Ridge 5
Oak Grove 5
Pine Grove 4
E. Pleasant Grove 6
Pleasant Hill 3
Souenlovie 2
FBC, Stonewall 4

Clay Association

Calvary 8
FBC, West Point 22
Pheba 1
Trinity 2
Westend 2

Copiah Association

FBC, Crystal Springs 11
FBC, Hazlehurst 3
Harmony 1
Sardis 2
Zion Hill 2

DeSoto Association

Carriage Hills 8
Center Hill 6
Church Road 4
Colonial Hills 32
DeSoto Woods 7
Ebernezer 12
FBC, Eudora 1
Goodman Road 3
Grays Creek 4
Green Brook 3
Hernando 6
FBC, Horn Lake 18
Longview Heights 1
FBC, Nesbit 6
New Prospect 2
FBC, Olive Branch 18
Immanuel 6
FBC, Southaven 10
Trinity 1
Twin Lakes 4

Grenada Association

Emmanuel 3
Friendship 8
Hebron 1

Gulfcoast Association

Bay Vista 12
Bayou View 5
Bel Aire 6
Big Ridge 3
Fernwood 1
Commission Rd. 2
FBC, D-Ibervil 15
East Howard 6
Faithview 4
FBC, Bay St. Louis 3
FBC, Biloxi 9
FBC, Gulfport 12
FBC, Long Beach 7
FBC, Pass Christian 1
Grace Memorial 21
Gulf Gardens 16
Handsboro 1
Northward 2
Pass Road 21
Riverside 2
Sharon 6
Trinity 2

Hinds-Madison Association

Briarwood Drive 3
Byram 8
Center Terrace 11
Griffith Memorial 1
Madison 4
Morrison Heights 13
Oak Forest 7
Parkway 16
Raymond 12
Robinson Street 7
Trace Ridge 7
Westview 5
Woodland Hills 6
Woodville Heights 5

Jackson Association

Arlington Heights 4
Bellefontain 4
Bellehaven 4
Parkway 10
FBC, Gautier 6
FBC, Ocean Springs 6
FBC, Pascagoula 2
Four Mile Creek 7
FBC, Helena 9
Ingalls Ave. 3
Lemoyne Blvd 3
Lilly Orchard 1
FBC, Vancleave 10
Wade 5
1st Indian 6

Jeff Davis Association

Bassfield 1
Bethany 1
Ebenezer 2
Old Hebron 2
Prentiss 5
Victory 2

Jones Association

Bethlehem 8
Calvary 3
County Line 1
Eastview 1
FBC, Laurel 4
Glade 4
Grace 1
Hebron 1
Highland 1
Houston Road 20
Indian Springs 6
Magnolia Street 2
Freedom Baptist Church 3
New Hope 2
Oakland Grove 1
Ovett 2
Park Haven 3
Pecan Grove 7
Pine Grove 1
Plainway 11
Salem Heights 2
Sandersville 2
Second Avenue 3
FBC, Sharon 3
Shelton 1
FBC, Soso 3
Tucker's Crossing 1
Unity 4
West Laurel 1

Lafayette Association

FBC, Oxford 3
Yellow Leaf 2

Lamar Association

FBC, Sumrall 2
FBC, Purvis 7
Good Hope 2
Oloh 3
Richburg 3

Lawrence Association

Arm 1
Bethel 1
Carmel 2
Monticello 3
New Hebron 2
New Zion 1
Old Silver Creek 1
Sauls Valley 2
Shiloh 3
Wanilla 2

Lebanon Association

Bowie Street 2
Carterville 2
Crestview 1
Dixie 3
Eastabuchie 2
FBC, Hattiesburg 3
FBC, Petal 8
FBC, Glendale 5
Immanuel 14
North 31st Ave. 8
Macedonia 3
Nineteenth Ave. 2
Petal Harvey 4
Providence 2
Rawls Springs 1
Calvary 7
South 28th Ave. 6
Temple, Hattiesburg 12
Temple Petal 2
University 2

Lee Association

Auburn 6
Belden 2
Birmingham 6
Bissell 1
Calvary, Tupelo 6
Calvary, Shannon 8
Camp Creek 4
Doty Chapel 1
East Mt. Zion 1
East Heights 12
FBC, Baldwin 3
FBC, Tupelo 7
Grace Memorial 10
Harrisburg 20
FBC, Nettleton 2
New Hope 9
Plantersville 3
Priceville 2
Richmond 2
Saltillo 13
Southern Heights 1
Skyline, Tupelo 5
West Jackson Street 2
Union Chapel 2
FBC, Verona 8

Lincoln Association

Calvary 3
Central 9
East Haven 2
FBC, Brookhaven 2
Friendship 1
Halbert Heights 4
Macedonia 2
Montgomery 1
Pearl Haven 2
Philadelphia 1
Pleasant Grove 4
Pleasant Hill 2
Shady Grove 7
Southway 3
Wellman 2

Lowndes Association

Antioch 2
Bethel 3
Canaan 3
Fairview 7
Faith 4
FBC, Columbus 18

Mississippi Association

Woodville 5
Centerville 5
Crystal Springs 5
Mesa 17
Salem 7
Tylertown 1
FBC, Winona 4
North Winona 4
Pine Forest 3
Poplar Creek Nation 2
Scotland 4
Union 5
FBC, Greenville 1
FBC, Leland 9
Greenfield 4
Hollandale 2
Lake Washington 2
Parkview, Greenville 1
Lakeview 4
Riverport 1
Southside 2
Swiftwater 2

Noxubee Association

Calvary, Macon 2
Okibbeha Association 7
Bethesda 1
Calvary 11
Emmanuel 2
FBC, Maben 2
FBC, Starkville 3
Friendship 3
Morgan Chapel 1
Sturgis 3
Wake Forest 1

Panola Association

Como 5
North Batesville 6
Enon 1
FBC, Batesville 6
Hebron 7
McIvor 1
Sardis Lake 1

Pike Association

Calvary 4
Central 7
East McComb 7
Fernwood 2
FBC, McComb 2
Johnston Station 3
Locust Street 2
North McComb 2
Osyka 1
Immanuel 1
West McComb 1
Terry Creek 2
Unity 1

Pontotoc Association

FBC, Pontotoc 3
Friendship 9
Liberty 1
Longview 4
Oak Hill 3
Shady Grove 4
Springville 2
Turnpike 3
West Heights 16
Zion 1

Prentiss Association

Calvary 5
Crestwood 1
East Booneville 2
Fairview 4
FBC, Booneville 2
Gaston 1
Ingram 2
Mt. Olive 3
Thrasher 1
Tuscumbia 3
Wheeler 2

Quitman Association

Crowder 2
Sledge 2
Rankin Association 4
Crossgates 15
McLaurin Heights 6
Paul Truitt Mem. 9
Pearson 12
Pine Lake 3
Providence 3
Star 2
Sunshine 3

Scott Association

Harperville 1

Simpson Association

Beulah 3
Corinth 9
Eastside 2
FBC, Magee 2
FBC, Mendenhall 4
Main Street 1
Pleasant Valley 2
Strong River 1

Tallahatchie Association

East Friendship 5
Paul 1

Tippah Association

Walnut 2
Palmer 3
Academy 3
Peoples 7
FBC, Ripley 4
Springdale 18

Walthall Association

Centerville 1
Crystal Springs 3
Mesa 17
Salem 7
Tylertown 1
Washington Association 29
Alexander Memorial 1
FBC, Greenville 1
FBC, Leland 9
Greenfield 4
Hollandale 2
Lake Washington 4
Parkview, Greenville 1
Lakeview 4
Riverport 1
Southside 2
Swiftwater 2

Wayne Association

Big Creek 3
Buckatunna 1
Calvary 3
Evergreen 3
FBC, Clara 1
Pleasant Grove 2
West Shady Grove 1

Webster Association

Tommolen 2
Walthall 1
Yalobusha Association 3
Bethel 1
Clear Springs 3
FBC, Coffeeville 1
Oakland 1
Tillatoba 4

Yazoo Association

Central 1
FBC, Yazoo City 2
Hebron 3
Satartia 3
Southside 10

Tokyo, Japan — The Association of English Language Churches in Japan

joined the Japan Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) in contributing to a special hunger offering for Cambodian refugees. Mission treasurer Max H. Love sent a check for more than \$3,500 to the Thailand Baptist Mission to help in their relief work among the refugees.

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VIEWPOINT
Unbridled Greed

By John Alexander, Director
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Like the voice of rolling thunder comes the penetrating message of the prophet of Tekoa against the wickedness of his day and ours. "They have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes — they pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor... Forasmuch therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat; ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof. For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins — ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate from their right" (Amos 5).

The two groups hurt most by the unbridled greed in America today are the elderly, forced to live on a fixed income, and the young who are trying to establish a home. Those who manipulate the sources of money clamor for more and more usury while people pay

other day that they take their life savings and blow it on a tank of gas. Bought any gold lately? How about silver? We can do without most of the gold and silver, but we must have food and clothing. The basic necessities of life took a significant jump in price last year. Some elements of our society are hurt worse than others but when people hurt, God is concerned!

The wise man of Proverbs tells us (15:27) that "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house..." and "So are the ways of everyone that is greedy of gain; it taketh away the life of the owner thereof" (1:19).

Study the excesses that preceded the great crash of '29 and you will find the same kind of abuse in the marketplace today.

Greed is no respecter of persons. It plagues the homes of the poor and the palaces of the rich. The inordinate desire for more and more, all the traffic will stand, destroys men, institutions, and nations.

Unless Christian men, like the prophets of old, stand up and demand a halt to this unholy crusade, who will speak for the downtrodden? We must

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Clarke College

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tives suggested will have been given due consideration.

The action was developed upon a suggestion by Joe Tuten, a member of the Education Commission and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson. The vice-president of the commission, Billy Thames, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, presided in the absence of Chairman Kermit McGregor, who is recuperating from a heart attack earlier in the year.

According to the action taken, it is subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 of the Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution. It also provides that any deficit spending must be approved by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and the Executive Committee of the Convention Board before it can be committed. The action points out that the trustees of the college are responsible for the operation of the college and assures the support of Clarke College and Christian higher education in Mississippi by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It also proposes the sale of certain assets now held by Clarke College in order to gain more operating funds.

A. C. Johnson, who became president of Clarke College last July, pointed out that the present financial situation had come about because of a policy established with this budget year that no funds would be transferred from one account to another. Johnson had been acting president since January of 1979. Previously several years of deficit financing had taken place as funds were transferred out of a reserve fund. That fund is nearing depletion. An exception to the deficit financing was last year, when the school wound up \$118,000 in the black. This was due to several sizable gifts to the college. Officials say that gifts dropped off sharply when it was announced that a study by the SBC Education Commission was being considered.

Historically, the college has had more freshmen than sophomores. Statistics since 1966 show that an average of more than 39 percent of the freshmen have not returned for the second year. The college expects 40 to

50 of its present students back for the 1980-81 school year, meaning it will need some 120 new students to maintain its present status.

Johnson pointed out that many of the second year students do not return to the college because they feel able at that point to move on to a four-year institution. He noted the ministry of the junior college in providing a bridge for the student between high school and higher education.

Johnson said there is no better group of students and more dedicated to the cause of Christ anywhere than at Clarke. He cited the freedom in the classroom to talk about relationships to Christ and noted that 40 foreign missionaries have been students at Clarke.

Flynt noted that even during the years that the college was operating in the red there were many young people receiving a fine Christian education.

Johnson expressed appreciation for the action of the Education Commission and the Executive Committee. He said he felt this would allow the college to get past its present financial circumstance so that it could continue to provide a ministry to many young people in the years to come.

The chairman for the general meeting was Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Moncton, Canada — Steeves, chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, has announced April 26, 1980 as the suggested date for the Worldwide Day of Witness and Prayer. The hope is that Baptist men from two or more neighboring churches will gather "to testify of God's goodness and faithfulness, as well as pray for our Baptist family world wide."

Ruschlikon, Switzerland — Claus Meister, professor of Greek and New Testament at the European Baptist Seminary, has been invited by the Theological Faculty (Roman Catholic) of the University of Innsbruck to teach a special course during the summer semester on the subject of "Baptists."

FMB Urges President

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cepted "with regret," and a report was made that photographer Don Rutledge of the Home Mission Board will join the staff June 1.

In other developments, a preliminary report on the 1979 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering showed receipts totaling \$29,857,746 through March 7, or about 73 percent of the \$40.5 million goal. Treasurer Everett Deane warned that it is too early to make valid comparisons with last year's giving, but said at this point the offering is about \$6.8 million above where it stood at this time in 1979.

"I really feel that we're going to meet the goal and perhaps exceed it," he said.

Smith will become special assistant to the executive director with primary responsibility for correlating intercessory prayer, a priority concern that Parks expressed in his installation speech in January. Smith will continue administering Margaret Fund scholarships from missionary children's education and will take on new responsibilities for working with the board's 253 emeritus missionaries and with state Baptist foundations.

Smith was administrative associate to former executive director Baker J. Cauthen for 21 years.

Grubbs will continue in his role as head of the board's laymen overseas and hunger and relief program through Aug. 31, when his resignation becomes effective. He said he has been "approached by several international relief organizations, some churches, and business interests" and decided to submit his resignation so the board could be aware of his plans as it reorganizes under Parks' leadership.

Reorganization of the board's staff is expected to be voted by the board in April, and Parks indicated that a decision on Grubbs' successor would await these announcements.

Grubbs came to the board as consultant for laymen overseas in 1971 and assumed responsibility for hunger relief and disaster response in 1975. Both programs have grown rapidly in recent years. Last year the laymen overseas office coordinated the work of 3,139 volunteers in 58 countries, more than 10 times the 300 who went abroad in 1973. More than \$3 million was appropriated in 1979 for 103 relief ministries projects in 40 countries.

Rutledge, director of photojournalism services in the department of audiovisuals at the Home Mission Board since 1966, will come to the Foreign Mission Board as special assignment photographer in the communications department.

A veteran of 10 years' international service with Black Star, Rutledge has received more than 200 awards for religious and secular photojournalism. In this new post he will photograph world missions for the board's publications and a variety of other outlets.

In its letter to President Carter, the board reaffirmed its policy that its missionaries "go to their fields to share the gospel of Christ and minister to human need. They do not involve themselves in political or commercial affairs."

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BSU Leaders Hold Training

The Baptist Student Union Leadership Training Conference is set for the weekend of March 28-30 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

At the training conference, an overview will be given for the nationwide campus evangelistic program which begins in the fall of this year. The program, "Outreach 80" will be explained by Joe Cobb and Bill Kirkpatrick.

In general sessions, Frank Gunn, Jan Daehnert, James Slack, and Fisher Humphreys will deliver messages.

Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, will speak on "Jesus — the Model Servant." Daehnert, associate in student work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak on "Leading as One Who Serves." Fisher Humphreys of New Orleans Seminary will lead in Bible studies on "Biblical Models of Leadership." And Slack, missionary to the Philippines will speak on "Witnessing as One Who Serves."

Included in the program will be the commissioning of the 69 student missionaries who will serve this year in home and foreign missions sponsored by the state BSU, and a number of special training sessions for the various offices of BSU in campuses.

Bill Branch, state BSU president from Mississippi State will preside. Scott Willis of Southern Seminary, will lead the music.

Bill Requires Spying Ban

WASHINGTON (BP) — Support continues to grow in the religious community for a bill prohibiting the use of clergy in the intelligence activities of the United States.

The measure (S. 2284), introduced last month by U.S. Sen. Walter D. Huddleston, D-Ky., is a proposed charter governing activities of all the intelligence community, including the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is co-sponsored by Sen. Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., and Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz.

The bipartisan measure is before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence of which Bayh serves as chairman and Goldwater as vice chairman.

The bill, referred to as the "National Intelligence Act of 1980," specifically prohibits the intelligence community

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Radio and TV Commission

Allen Inaugurated In Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southern Baptist agency heads vowed cooperation with their newest peer

when they gathered to install Jimmy R. Allen as president of the Radio and Television Commission.

Representatives from Baptist agencies and state conventions and the commission trustees were present to challenge the new president and commit themselves to cooperate in the convention goal of presenting the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000.

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee, said: "We have been chosen to work together serving God and Southern Baptists for his honor and glory. Left up to our leadership and abilities alone, the task of establishing two churches a day from now to the turn of the century would be impossible. But by coupling our abilities with God's power, it can be done." Bennett's reference to two churches a day is part of the Bold Mission Thrust goal of having 50,000 Southern Baptist churches by the year 2000.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, noted that Southern Baptist leadership had almost completely changed within the last decade. He asked agency heads to join him in a vow that "out of the confusion and competition and fragmentation of the '60s that reached even our denomination, we will unite in cooperative efforts in which we combined talent, abilities, organizations and program assignments to accomplish things for Jesus Christ."

William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, who gave the "charge" to Allen, joked that "Figuring out how to charge Jimmy Allen was like a flashlight battery approaching Hoover Dam."

Pinson described Allen in four dimensions: his world vision to find new ways and insights to minister; his impact on the nation enabling him to show how the media can be used for good and not for harm; his belief that local church members are the key to reaching people for Christ; and his spiritual sensitivity and desire to walk with and please the Father.

Pinson directed his challenge not only to Allen but to agency heads and all Southern Baptists: "There is a complexity to what God has been up to in Jimmy Allen's life. He does all

Unveiling For 80's Set

The unveiling of Church Training For The Eighties takes place throughout Mississippi, March 31-April 5, in a series of 75 associational meetings advertised as Ephesians 4 Conferences by associational and state Church Training leaders. Conferences are scheduled to involve every association in the state.

Nineteen conference leaders from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and neighboring states will converge on Mississippi to lead these conferences which are intended to focus renewed emphasis on the basic task of "equipping God's people... for Christian discipleship."

Featured will be Equipping Centers; Survival Kit for New Christians; Build-Up: A Church Training Enrollment Plan; the personal development content of Church Training curriculum materials; and Baptist Doctrine study.

Each conference will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a Bible study of certain verses in Ephesians 4; proceed to a presentation of new materials and concepts which reveal many changes which have already taken place and which are scheduled to take place in the near future; and conclude with an opportunity for each person to examine materials in learning stations which will be available.

All church-elected Church Training workers are encouraged to attend these conferences along with pastors and Church Training Directors.

The program is sponsored by the church training department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

things completely. The challenge may be to ourselves to keep up with him, to catch his vision."

Pinson also issued a challenge of cooperation: "The Radio and Television Commission cannot do what needs to be done on its own but together with the resources of this commission and other agencies, we may well be able to do what God wants us to do."

Allen echoed Pinson's desire for agency cooperation and asked each not to draw lines around what it can and cannot do.

"For a long time, we have been bound by the smallness of our own vision by efforts to protect our own turf," Allen said. "We do not have any business marking off something and claiming it for ourselves. It all belongs to God."

"I yearn to serve all agencies," he

One Senior

Adult Week Full

For the benefit of churches still making decisions regarding senior adults attending one of three Senior Adult Retreats, Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Manager, has released information that the first week, May 19-23, is filled.

Two other retreats are scheduled. One is May 26-30, for which more than 50% capacity reservations have already been accepted.

The third Senior Adult Retreat is scheduled August 18-22. This third retreat will feature David Grant of Jackson, James Yates of Yazoo City, Curtis Burge of Greenwood, and J. Roy McComb of Columbus in dual roles as speakers and Bible teachers.

Joe Odle Is

In Hospital

Joe T. Odle, retired editor of the Baptist Record, is recovering from surgery performed last week at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

The surgery was due to a mass being discovered on the pancreas.

Treatment is expected to get under way as soon as sufficient strength has returned, family members indicated.

declared. Allen also expressed the importance of agencies working with local churches in their efforts to spread the gospel.

Broadcast

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ence have voiced opposition. Meanwhile, on the Supreme Court front, the high court agreed to take on a cluster of cases for review later this term. No date has been set for oral arguments, but the justices are expected to render a decision before the current term ends in June.

In Mauritius

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clubs to teach humane education, respect for life and responsibility for pets and animals while training a national to continue the program. Additional duties may include teaching Bible study groups, witnessing, working with youth and assisting Wood and his wife Jeanie, the only Southern Baptist missionaries on Mauritius.

The athletic coach will teach basketball and field and track to young people and trainee coaches, while the agriculturalist will advise people, mostly in rural villages, on vegetable production for home use.

People-to-People Visits in ENGLAND
In many churches, on WLBT-TV and in this paper Christopher Russell, Baptist pastor from Camberley, England, invited Mississippians to England for home-based visits with a "cultural and Christian purpose." For details of the multi-national youth program June 18-July 9, 1980, and other opportunities, contact: Martha Nelson, Coordinator

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What is a church? . . .

Annuity Board challenges IRS

For sometime now the Internal Revenue Service has been trying to establish itself as the one element in American life that would be qualified to define "church."

The Internal Revenue Service attempts to define "church" by defining "integrated auxiliary of a church." The fact of the matter is, there is no way to determine what an "integrated auxiliary" is until it is determined what it is that the auxiliary is integrated with. Therefore, the Internal Revenue Service must be able to determine what a church is before it is able to determine what an integrated auxiliary is.

Because the Internal Revenue Service has announced to one and all that it knows what an integrated auxiliary is, it must be concluded that the IRS is also able to define, at least in the thinking of its own executives, what a church is.

Its definition amounts to declaring that the Roman Catholic Church is a church and that the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are not. Having made that decision, the IRS now has determined that it can insist on boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention filing certain tax forms because they are not integrated

auxiliaries of a church while it will not insist that elements of the Roman Catholic Church that are performing the same service and working in the same way file the same forms because they are integrated auxiliaries of a church.

Aside from the fact that such a decision is obviously unfair, is there any other reason that it should be contested? The only answer can be yes, and it would come from the very principle that should be guiding the activities of the Internal Revenue Service. That is the United States Constitution.

The First Amendment to the Constitution declares pointedly that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

If there is anything the IRS is supposed to do, it is to operate within the law. That doesn't mean what the executives of the IRS suppose is the law but rather what is known to be the law without any sort of equivocation.

Therefore, the IRS has no business trying to determine what a church is. To do so is to tamper with the establishment of a religion. The IRS has stepped beyond this boundary by telling the Southern Baptist Convention

Annuity Board that it is not an integrated auxiliary of a church.

The real problem, however, is that the IRS is stepping beyond its bounds when it tries to establish that there is such a thing as an integrated auxiliary, because then it is faced with having to declare what an integrated auxiliary is; and to do that it has to declare what a church is.

We may have to live with the fact that the IRS is going to hang onto its concept of an integrated auxiliary. In that case, we must insist that the Annuity Board is just as much an integrated auxiliary of the Southern Baptist churches as the Roman Catholic agency doing the same thing is of the Roman Catholic Church.

About two years ago a group gathered at a religious liberty conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was told by several congressmen that IRS was out of control and that it could not understand Baptists. Baptists do not operate with a hierarchical system of government as does the Roman Catholic Church. Baptists are few in number in areas where IRS decisions are made, mostly in Washington, D. C.; and the hierarchical groups are

stronger there. To tell an IRS executive in Washington that Baptists control their institutions and agencies through a system of boards of trustees elected by the church members who attend annual conventions is to stretch the limits of comprehension of that executive. He sees the board of trustees as a separate organization completely and therefore not a part of the church. The Roman Catholic agency's being a part of the church he can understand, because that church is governed by one individual who passes his decrees down through the hierarchical structure.

The system that is the closest to the democracy that the United States is supposed to be is not understood by the bureaucrats who are running the United States.

It is a frightening concept. IRS has ruled against the Annuity Board in seeking force it into actions that would not be necessary if it were not an integrated auxiliary of the church. The Annuity Board is responding to the ruling, for it feels the entire concept of a free religion may be at stake.

We must support the Annuity Board in this cause with every bit of energy that we can muster.

Special interests? . . .

House Committee okays wet bills

Two alcohol-related bills have escaped the Mississippi House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee; and one of them, at least, has been passed by the House.

House Bill 978, which would provide that alcoholic beverages could be sold throughout a municipality, even though a part of its corporate limits would be found in a dry area, has been passed by the House. It will need Senate approval before it can go to the governor for his signature, however, so the battle has shifted to the Senate.

This is a dastardly bill which would allow, if passed and signed, the Legislature to overrule the wishes of the people. Only one city is in question as

far as this bill is concerned, so that makes the entire issue one of special interest. The city is Hattiesburg, and a part of its corporate limits lie in dry Lamar County. Forrest County is wet.

Lamar County is dry, however, because its citizens want it that way; and the Legislature has no business at all in seeking to overrule the wishes of those citizens. It is evident that someone in Hattiesburg has business interests in the dry part of the city and feels he would profit financially if he could sell liquor there. Our senators need to be alerted to his danger immediately.

The other alcohol-related bill that

the Ways and Means Committee has sent to the floor of the House is HB 412, which would provide that alcoholic beverages could be sold in certain restaurants upon the recommendation of county officials. Again, there is no reason that county officials cannot have interests in restaurants, so there is a distinct possibility of special interests pushing this bill. It would take the matter out of the hands of Alcoholic Beverage Control officials. There would be the possibility that a restaurant could lose its liquor license because of actions of Alcoholic Beverage Control officials and then it could continue to serve liquor upon the recommendation of county officials.

County officials don't need this sort of power if they have an interest in the situation, and they don't need this kind of pressure if they have no interest. It is difficult to imagine the reasoning behind the actions of the House Ways and Means Committee on these two bills and the House itself in regard to one of them, but both need to be stopped.

The liquor interests are going to continue to chip away until all indications of resistance to liquor are gone. The action should be flowing in the other direction. Those of us who abhor the influence of alcohol should be chipping away until Mississippi is rid of this nuisance completely.

The Baylor Lariat . . .

The responsibilities of freedom

I must say that I am proud of my alma mater, Baylor University, and its president, Abner V. McCall.

During my days at Baylor I was a member of the staff of the *Daily Lariat*, the student newspaper. During the past few days a controversy has come about between a few members of the staff of the *Lariat* and the president of the university.

Sometime back *Playboy Magazine* began a search for girls from each of the schools of the Southwest Conference, of which Baylor is a member, to pose nude or semi-nude for the magazine. Dr. McCall promptly announced that any Baylor student who did such posing as a representative of Baylor would be subject to disciplinary action.

The *Lariat* in an editorial took exception to Dr. McCall's position; but the president stood firm. He pointed out that Baylor is a Texas Baptist institution and its purpose is to provide Christian higher education. He added that no Baylor publication is to espouse a position that would deny the basic tenets of the Christian faith or the Baptist beliefs on biblical personal

morality. He said that Baptist belief in personal morality includes condemnation of pornography in all forms.

As a Baylor alumnus and as a former *Lariat* staff member, I applaud Dr. McCall's decision and action.

In spite of what student journalists would like to construe as freedom of the press, there is no reason that such freedom should be stretched to go

beyond the posture of the institution sponsoring the publication.

Thank God for Christian education and all that it can mean to the students who receive it. Thank God for Christian administrators who will stand firm in the face of adversity to see that it is a Christian education that is to be found on the campuses where they are responsible for it.

Women in the Church

Editor:

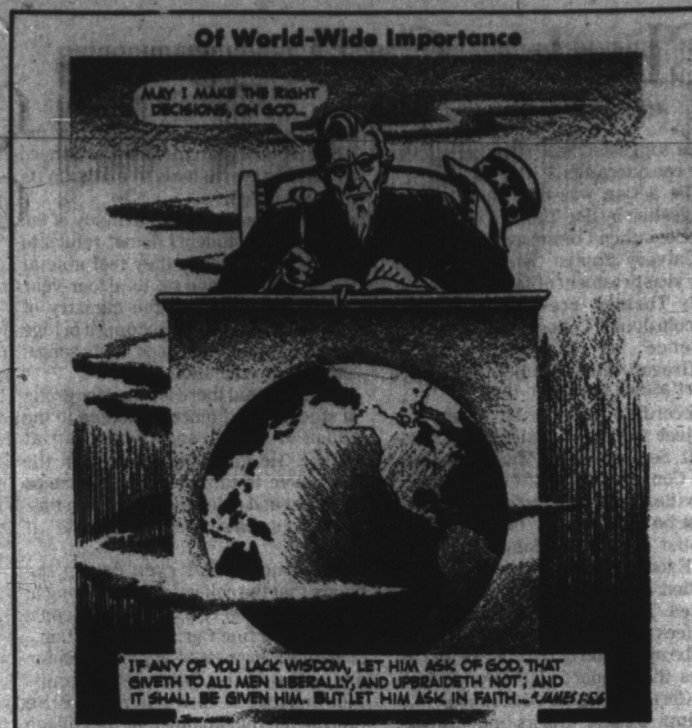
I am writing regarding the article, "Conference Explores A Woman's Place." I am sure Tim Nicholas was reporting on the conference and this was not necessarily his views; but since it was reported in our "Baptist Record," I would like to share my thoughts about the article. The word "obscure" in the dictionary means render less visible or important. Who is to say one part of the scripture is more important than the other. II Tim. 3:16 says "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." All of God's Word is important for us. And as for the comment about "Responsibilities will be so great we will just have to take what is thrust

deeply grieved to read about this type of teaching sponsored by this commission. The place of women in ordained pastoral roles is not the perfect plan that God has for women. The scriptures from Genesis to Revelation do not place women in this type of ministry. There are some women whose desires are to be in this role. Please, please don't give us the desires of our heart. Temporarily, there might be satisfaction that would come out of such positions; but for the good of our future and God's glory, don't give in to our demands.

There are organized forces from outside of our church that are attacking our homes. Organizations like ERA, International Year of the Child, National Organization of Women, White House Conference on the Families and the threat of women's draft that have taken dead aim on women and children. Is this threat not enough to see the fruit of our way? My prayer is that God will intervene with

Homemakers." Mrs. Earl Kelly was another speaker not mentioned in the BAPTIST RECORD. Her topic was "The Church Using the Gifts of Women." This message dealt with the use of the gifts of women who are members of the church, not of anyone who might be called as a staff member.

As I have listened to tapes of the remarks made by Frank Staggs, I have discovered that, while he did open his speech by saying that woman's place is in the ministry was the "focal point" and the most controversial as far as the church is concerned, he then moved away from that sort of consideration and spoke of the ministries of women in the New Testament which were affirmed by Jesus. He mentioned, as example, the ministry of preparing meals; the ministry of caring for physical needs, such as washing feet, and the ministry of financial support. And it must be remembered that such a



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Queens' Court

The place to be March 7-9 was at Camp Garaywa, especially if you were an Acteen. Though not an Acteen, I well remember the joyous sense of achievement at reaching the status of Queen-Regent. In my six-hour sampling of Queens' Court, 1980, I could see how the whole weekend, in its diverse range of activities, must have been really great.

When I arrived at break time Saturday afternoon, 180 girls and their leaders were either snacking at the Trading Post or standing about in clusters talking and laughing. Right away, I saw they were having a good time.

A panel of four missionaries from the Philippines (James and Mary Slack, Gerald and Glenda Davis) and one from Mississippi (Martha Haggan) appeared at 3. The Slacks and Davises and their children, Glen and Gwen and Sherri, demonstrated some Filipino dialects, and Martha spoke a few words in the Choctaw language. James Slack told the girls that in Manila the words for cat and heart are similar — only an inflection apart; once he accidentally invited the people to receive Jesus into their cats!

Gerald Davis said, "Every preacher, every Christian — every Acteen — ought to be willing to go to the foreign field before he or she is willing to stay here."

During recreation time, some girls played tennis or basketball. Others just relaxed around the flag pole or on porches, or in the cabins. Some spent time talking with The Kinsmen, the eight good-looking young men from First Church, Gulfport who sang at the banquet and gave a concert, and with Wayne Osborne, a sophomore at Delta State, the talented musician who led the music for the court.

While the girls were dressing for the banquet, I wandered about and picked up some conversations. One leader said, "I wish everyone could have the experience with God I have had this weekend." Many girls were saying, "Wayne is great. I love the way he sings for the Lord." "The Kinsmen are terrific. They are a credit to their faith."

As the sun set behind the moss-draped trees, girls in long dresses lined up in front of the dining room door. All wore gold crowns; many wore

gold-colored satin capes and/or carried scepters. I thought, "This surpasses any beauty pageant I've seen on



Terri Chisolm

television. I would not like to be a judge, to decide who is most beautiful." With these girls, I was confident that they were beautiful within as well as without. I knew they had gone through Studi-Acts rigorous requirements in Bible memorization, mission action, and mission education.

I knew I would like to get to know everyone one of them, for every one would have an interesting story to tell. But I had to be satisfied with talking to only a few, remembering that all of them were important in the eyes of their Creator.

The theme of the retreat was "The Good News . . . Is News!" and the printed program, following that theme, was in the form of an attractive four-page newspaper. On the front page I noted, "Terri Is Top Teen." That's why I asked to meet Terri.

Terri Chisolm

Terri Chisolm, 15, of Enterprise Church, Queen-Regent, has been chosen by Accent as one of 20 girls from across the nation to be featured with other acteens in an issue of the magazine and to serve during 1980 as a

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The State Vocal Festival, sponsored by the Church Music Department, MBCB, was recently held at First Baptist Church of Newton. Judges' Trophy winners were Mindy Spencer (center) from First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, and Mittle Smith (right) from First Baptist Church of Clinton. Alicia Gatewood (left) from Forest Baptist Church achieved an Honorable Mention.



Keyboard, Vocal Festivals' Winners Announced

At the State Keyboard Festival, sponsored by the Church Music Department, MBCB, two trophies were awarded. Polly Johnson (left) of Clinton received the Judges' Trophy in the piano category. Polly is a student of Mrs. D. E. Landrum. Lisa Herrington (right) of Hattiesburg received the Judges' Trophy in the organ category. Lisa is a student of Graham Purkerson. This annual festival was held on February 29 - March 1, 1980, at Clarke College in Newton.

Bill Requires

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from using "any affiliation, real or ostensible, with any United States religious organization, . . ." This provision may be waived by the president during a time of war declared by Congress and does not prohibit voluntary contacts or exchange of information between individual clergy and the intelligence community.

The prohibition of the use of clergy as intelligence sources in the Huddleston bill conflicts with the position of the Carter administration on the proposed charter. CIA Director Stansfield Turner has stated he favors use of clergy and agents posing as clergy in the information gathering process.

Wynndale Constitutes

Wynndale community on Springridge Road in South Hinds County has never had a Baptist church. This mission was an outgrowth of concern by interested persons in the fall of 1978.

As a result of the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association purchased 13½ acres of land on Springridge Road and the Mississippi Baptist Convention loaned a chapel trailer.

Financial assistance has been given by Wildwood Baptist Church, Fred Womack, pastor and Hillcrest Baptist Church, Maurice Clayton, pastor. Equipment has been donated by First Baptist Church, Jackson, Frank Polard, pastor and Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, David Grant, pastor.

Below, assisting at the constitution service were left to right: Eugene Slade, Steering Committee Chairman; Fred Womack, who delivered the major message; Fred Tarpley, Superintendent of Missions for Hinds-Madison Baptist Association; and Charles Gentry, pastor.

Queens' Court

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helper to the staff.

Terri said this was her sixth time at Garaywa, her second Queen's Court. "The fellowship with other Christian girls is what I like best here."

In 10th grade, she likes to swim, ski, read, sew, and sing, and she plans to be a doctor. At school she is drum majorette in the band, a member of Beta Club, Hospital Club, and FHA.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Chisolm. Her family includes an older sister Debbie, two older brothers, and two "new" sisters (formerly cousins).

When she was seven Terri accepted Christ as her Savior. Acteens in her church have sponsored such events as a "clam-up-a-thon," to raise money for a mission trip to the Seamen's Center on the Coast. "No one believed I could clam up and not say a word for six hours, but I surprised them," Terri said.

Besides Terri, Roxanne Nanney and Susan Washburn were Acteen speakers on program. Last year I met Susan, of Blue Mountain, who was a National Acteens Panelist, but I regret that I did not get to meet Roxanne.

Acteens from Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln County, did the decorations for the banquet. During the banquet I had fun talking with girls from New Garden Church, Tate County, and another Acteen from Enterprise.

Favorite Things

Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU, during her speech at the banquet showed some of her "favorite things," including a candlestick given her in Bangladesh, reminding her that "a queen is somebody who gives," and a Nigerian idol, reminding her that "many people of the world worship idols, and have not heard the good news told in John 3:16." The favorite of all her possessions, she said, is a corn shuck doll given her in Recife, Brazil, by a young woman, a seminary student, who gave it to her to express her thanks for a scholarship from Baptist women in Mississippi.

Miss Patterson said she felt she had a part in this girl's conversion experience and in her education, because of her gifts to Lottie Moon and the Cooperative Program, and to the scholarship fund. "Missions" she said, "is one person being changed by the good news and going out and telling someone else."

A New Face

A new face at Queen's Court this year was that of D. P. Smith, the new Acteens consultant for Mississippi. I could tell right away the girls love her. Her favorite things reveal a little about the talented, fascinating person she is: softball, tennis, racketball, riding unicycle, backpacking, drawing, sculpture, photography, painting, guitar, playing drums, singing, travel, and people. She majored in commercial art at MUW; and got her MRE degree at Southwestern. Her hometown is Jackson. All the girls at Queen's Court agreed, I believe, that she is a good "Acteens mother."



ACTEENS OF EAST END CHURCH, COLUMBUS, and a couple of their leaders had time to relax before they dressed for the Saturday evening banquet.



"FACE THE NATIONS" — A panel of missionaries at 3 p.m. on Saturday told Acteens at Queen's Court how they got to be missionaries, and did some talking in their second languages. Left to right: James Slack, Mary Slack, Glenda Davis, Gerald Davis, all missionaries to the Philippines; and Martha Haggan, missionary to the Choctaws in Mississippi. The missionaries' children Sherri Slack and Gwen and Gier Davis, also demonstrated Filipino dialects.



NEW GARDEN CHURCH, TATE COUNTY, with only seven Acteens on roll, has a Queen, a Queen with Scepter, and a Queen-Regent. These three attended Queen's Court at Garaywa March 7-9. Left to right are Cathy Roberts, Queen-with-a-Scepter; Jo Ann Poyner, Queen; Kim Brown, Queen, (who is from Enterprise Church); and Melinda Ferguson, Queen-Regent. Mrs. Eunice Roberts, Acteens leaders at New Garden, accompanied the girls to Garaywa.

Doctrine Seminar Previews Coming

The Doctrine Seminar previews are set March 24 and March 25 in ten cities across the state. Three age group books will be taught for adults, youths, and children.

The ten cities and their meeting dates are: March 24: Biloxi, Hazlehurst, Newton, Tupelo, and Greenwood; March 25: Hattiesburg, Vicksburg, Columbus, Kosciusko, and Coldwater.

All sessions will be from 7-9 p.m.

Each meeting will offer one class each for Adult, Youth, and Children's studies.

Church Training, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are sponsors of the meetings.

Seminar Leaders for the Adult Book THE BIBLICAL BASIS OF MISSIONS, are the following pastors: Brooks Wester of First, Hattiesburg; David Grant of Broadmoor, Jackson; Bill Causey of Parkway, Jackson; Joe McKeever of First, Columbus; James Heflin of First, Greenville; Gordon Sansing, Jr. of First, Pontotoc; Tommy Baddley of First, Brandon; and John Armistead of Calvary, Tupelo.

It will be the church's responsibility to enlist a team of three to attend including the pastor and a teacher for youth and one for children.



Armistead



Sansing



Grant



McKeever



Wester



Heflin



Causey



Baddley

Clyde Francisco Will Lead Bible Conference: Oak Hill, Booneville

Clyde T. Francisco, the John R. Sampey Professor of Old Testament at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will lead a Bible conference at Oak Hill Church near Booneville, March 28-30.

J. C. Prather, pastor, states that this will be the church's first annual Bible conference. Two sessions will be held each day, at 7 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 10 and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Dallas (EP) — Christian Voice, a multi-million dollar political action lobby of evangelical Christians, is launching an independent campaign to elect Ronald Reagan, which began with a media blitz in New Hampshire, says the organization's legislative director.

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Associational VBS Clinics

Listed below are Association, Place, Date, and Time:

ADAMS, Calvary, April 21, a.m. & p.m.
ALCOORN, East Corinth, April 17, 6:30 p.m.
ATTALA, Parkway, April 28, 7-9 p.m.
BENTON/TIPPAH, Ashland, May 5, 7 p.m.
BOLIVAR, Cleveland, First, April 10, 7 p.m.
CALHOUN, Vardaman, First, March 31, 7-9 p.m.
CARROLL, April 22.
CHICKASAW, Houston, First, April 10, 7-9 p.m.
CHOCTAW, April 28.
CLAY/LOWNDES/OKTIBBEHA, Columbus, First, May 6, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; 6:30 to 9 p.m.
COPIAH, April 14.
COVINGTON, May 5.
DESOTO, Colonial Hills April 17, 9-12 noon; Longview Hgts., April 24, 9-12 noon; Nesbit, April 28, 7-9 p.m.
GEORGE/GREENE, Lucedale, First, April 17, 6-8:30 p.m.
GRENADA, Grenada, First, April 3, 7-9 p.m.
GULF COAST, Grace Memorial, April 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Bay Vista, April 14, 6-9:30 p.m.
HINDS-MADISON, Calvary, Jackson, April 20, 2-4 p.m.; April 21, 7-9 p.m.
HOLMES, Lexington, First, May 8, 7-9 p.m.

HUMPHREY, Eastside, May 8, 7-9:30 p.m.

ITAWAMBA, Trinity, April 22, 7-9 p.m.

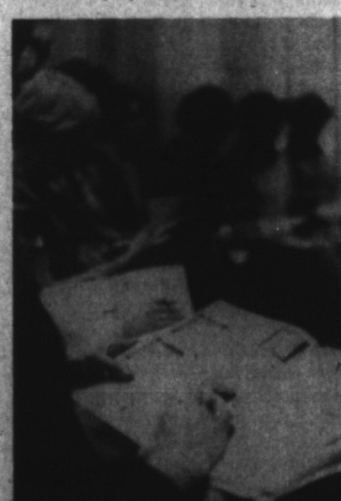
JACKSON, April 17.

JASPER, April 1.

JEFF DAVIS, Assoc. Center, May 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

JONES, West Ellisville, April 1, 6:45-9 p.m.; Laurel, First, May 1, 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., May 1, 6:45-9 p.m.

KEMPER, April 17, 7-9 p.m.



LAUDERDALE, 15th Avenue, March 25, 9-11:30 a.m., 7-9:30 p.m.

LAWRENCE, April 10.

LEAKE, Carthage, First, March 31, 7 p.m.

LEBANON, Temple, April 8, 7-9 p.m., April 9, 9-11:30 a.m.

LEE, West Jackson St., May 6, 9 a.m.-12 noon; May 12, 7-9:30 p.m.

LEFTLORE, Greenwood, First, May 6, 7-9:30 p.m.

LINCOLN, April 22.

MARSHALL, April 24.

MISSISSIPPI, April 7.

MONROE, Aberdeen, Southside, May 6, 7 p.m.; Cason, May 8, 7 p.m.

MONTGOMERY, April 21.

NESHOBA, April 14, 7-9 p.m.

NEW CHOCTAW, April 5 & April 12.

NEWTON, Clarke, Venable, April 29, 5:30 p.m.; Mt. Vernon, May 8, 5:30 p.m.

NOXUBEE, April 14.

PANOLA, Sardis, First, April 24, 7 p.m.

PEARL RIVER, Carriere, First, May 5, 7:30-9 p.m.; Oak Hill, May 8, 7:30-9 p.m.

PERRY, April 28.

PIKE, South McComb, April 21, 6:30-9 p.m.

PONTOTOC, May 1.

PRENTISS, Tusculum, May 1, 7 p.m.

QUITMAN, Marks, First, April 14, 7 p.m.

RANKIN, Brandon, First, April 3, 9-11:30 a.m., 7-9 p.m.

RIVERSIDE, Lyon, April 29, 7-9 p.m.

SCOTT, April 7:17.

SHARKEY ISSAQUENA, Rolling Fork, First, April 22, 6:30-9 p.m.

SIMPSON, April 28.

SMITH, Raleigh, First, April 7, 7 p.m.

SUNFLOWER, April 28:29.

TALLAHATCHIE, April 3.

TATE, March 31.

TISHOMINGO, April 24.

UNION, Fayette, April 22, p.m.

UNION COUNTY, May 6.

WALTHALL, Tylertown, April 7, 7-9 p.m.

WARREN, Highland, April 15, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON, ASSOC. BLDG., April 29, 9 a.m., & 7 p.m.

WAYNE, Calvary, April 7, 9-11 a.m.; April 8, 7-9 p.m.

WINSTON, April 28.

WEBSTER, Fellowship, April 14, 7 p.m.

YALOBUSHA, April 3.

YAZOO, Yazoo City, First, April 7, 7 p.m.; April 8, 7 p.m.

Washington Plans Renewal

The Washington Church, Washington, Miss., will hold a Lay Renewal Weekend, March 21-22-23. A lay team of 37 members, led by Sidney Ellis of Greenville, will lead in this renewal experience. Special sessions for children, youth, and adults are planned.

Lowrey Herrington, is serving as general chairman for the church. Provisions have been made for child care for children under six for the entire weekend. Robert E. Jones is pastor.

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Robinson Street Singles Will Tackle Any Job

By Anne McWilliams
(Note: This is the second of five articles concerning single adult ministries in Jackson.)

Young adult singles at Robinson Street Church in Jackson don't wait to be asked if there's something they can do for their church. And they don't leave all the work to the older adults. If they see something they can do, they do it. For instance, a young adult artist designed the folder that advertises the church's telephone ministry. A photographer member of the singles class shot an air view of the church.

The singles program at Robinson Street, 530-member church, is fairly new. James Doyle, who has been pastor there for a little over a year, said, "In one period of three months, 41 joined Robinson Street, 19 of those single adults, and five on profession of faith. When our Sunday School added 64 new members in three months, 33 of those were singles or singles again. A young adult class saw the need first, and they started three new classes for singles." Singles now number 43.

Peggy Doyle, the pastor's wife, teaches the college class (the church draws students from Miss. College); Bob White, senior at Mississippi College and the church's assistant pastor (until March 21), teaches the career

class; Mrs. Mildred White (Bob's mother) teaches a class for singles again (divorced, widows, widowers).

Mrs. Doyle said, "We hope that by this fall the classes will have grown enough that we can divide again, and have a college department and career department."

She added, "The singles in our church want to minister, and not just be ministered to. We have started a nursing home ministry. At Christmas the singles went caroling at Ingelwood Nursing Home, and we will plan other activities as the need arises. We would like to sponsor ice cream parties, or similar parties for the nursing home residents. Also we know that the older people there like to see children, so we hope to take children for visits at nursing homes."

A Bible study is held one night each week, for singles. For that, Bob White has recently been leading a study of Paul's letters.

College singles get together for prayer meetings Sunday mornings before Sunday School. Often on Sunday nights, they eat supper together. Periodically, the Baptist Men invite the singles and singles again to their breakfasts.

Last summer the singles traveled to Florida, to Silver Springs, Disney

World, and Circus World. They invited the youths, too, as the youth department is small.

Robinson Street's singles' calendar is filled in with at least two special events a month. Some of the events are just for fun; others are missions and ministering projects; some are for worship, study, and inspiration. When there was no time in February for a sweetheart banquet, a procrustean banquet was scheduled for the first weekend in March. "The Gathering," drama group from Mississippi State, came as guests for a retreat at Percy Quin State Park.

Other planned activities for the year include a youth-led revival, a "so-long" party for graduates, an Independence Day cook-out, a young adult-led night Bible school, a watermelon cutting, a trip to Six Flags, Atlanta, a hayride and wiener roast, an old-fashioned picnic.

Mrs. Doyle said, "We feel that Thanksgiving as a holiday is rather neglected since it is so near Christmas. Our college class plans to sponsor a family style Thanksgiving dinner this year for all the singles, as a time to share testimonies and sing songs of praise. Also the singles perhaps will present a Thanksgiving play for the whole church."

Names In The News . . .

John R. Claypool, pastor of the Northminster Church, Jackson, was guest lecturer for the annual Staley Lectureship Series at Mississippi College March 17-19. The theme for the lectureship was "Answers to Ultimate Questions." Claypool discussed the questions, "Why Am I?" "What Am I?" "What Has Gone Wrong?" and "When Am I?"

Vella Jane Barch, missionary emerita, died March 7 in a nursing home in Atlanta, Ga. She was 69. Funeral services were scheduled for March 8 in Atlanta with interment March 10 in the family plot in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham, N. C. Appointed in 1953, Miss Barch was licensed in 1954.

rian and religious education professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, until 1969 when she transferred to Hong Kong. There she was librarian of Hong King Baptist College and taught Old and New Testament classes, plus courses in library science and Bible survey.

Cambridge, England — Evangelist Billy Graham spent most of February in England for concentrated mission efforts at Oxford and Cambridge. Attendance at the various meetings was larger than expected, and Graham even postponed his departure for a day to address a special meeting of young Christians at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge.

Glasgow, Scotland — Peter H. Barber, MA, BD, pastor of Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay, England, has been appointed as the new general

secretary and superintendent of the Baptist Union of Scotland. Early in June he will succeed Andrew D. MacRae, who has served as general secretary since 1966 and has accepted a teaching appointment at Acadia Divinity College, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Treebeek, Holland — Jan G. F. Oosterloo, 25, was commissioned in a special service at the Baptist church here recently as a missionary to the European Baptist Mission to Sierra Leone. Mr. Oosterloo finished his studies in architecture last August at Hogere Technische School at Eindhoven. He will be the leader of all building projects sponsored by EBM in Sierra Leone, and he will also be financial administrator. European Baptist Mission combines the missionary work of eleven Baptist unions for Sierra Leone, Camerons, and South America.

Revival Dates

Byram Church on Terry Road at Byram: March 23-30; Clifton Perkins, church-minister relations director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; J. M. Wood, minister of music; Broadmoor Church, Jackson, directing the music; film "The Burning Hell," to be shown on last night of the revival, March 30; Henry Bennett, pastor.

East Fork Church, Smithdale: March 23-26; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. services at 7 p.m.; Ron Kirkland, pastor of Central Church, McComb, evangelist; Maurice F. Wicker, pastor.

Straight Bayou Church, (Sharkey-Issaquena): March 23-28; Sunday at 11 and 6:30; Monday-Friday: 9:10 Radio — WELZ, Belzoni, 10:30 morning service, 7:30 evening evangelistic messages; D. D. Satterwhite, Bay Springs, evangelist; Frank Cooley, Rolling Fork, music; J. Harold Jones, pastor.

Trinity Church, Carthage: week-end revival, March 21-23; Buddy Mathis from Pascagoula, evangelist; Rick Munn, minister of music at First Church, Grenada, music evangelist; Friday and Saturday, March 21, 22, services at 7 p.m.; Sunday services, worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; Church Training 6 p.m.; worship 7 p.m.; Bobby Waggoner, pastor; Dewayne Tanton, minister of music.

Main Street, Hattiesburg: March 23-30; Rick Ingle, evangelist; noon lunches, Tues.-Fri.; services 7:30 p.m. each night; John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor.

First, Ellisville: March 23-28; Bill Pruitt, pastor, First, Picayune, evangelist; Mike Miller, song leader; Mon.-Fri. at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mack P. Jones, pastor.

Eastwood, Indiana (Sunflower): March 16-21; W. C. (Buddy) Burns of Conroe, Tex., evangelist; Jimmy Smith, minister of music at Eastwood, music evangelist; Manuel Weeks, pastor; services at 11 a.m. Sunday; 7 a.m. Mon.-Fri.; and 7 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

Petal-Harvey, Petal: March 23-30; Bob Kendig, evangelist; Edsel Bone, music evangelist, Sunday regular service; Monday - Saturday services 7 p.m.; Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Lakeland, Fla. (EP) — A group of citrus fruit processors wants to drop the name Florida from their products because they say that Anita Bryant and her anti-gay rights campaign is hurting sales. Mrs. Bryant does a series of TV commercials promoting oranges and grapefruit for the Florida Citrus Commission.

Devotional

"Faith in What Is!"

By Lannie Wilbourn, Pastor, Pinelake (Rankin)
Mark 14:60-62; II Corinthians 5:13, 18

One day I was pacing the floor in my office. Several matters of deep concern were confronting me. These matters were all very important to me and to our church. As I paced, I was trying to think logically and systematically through the problems. Also, with a mind clouded by too many thoughts, I was thinking of the subject of this devotional as a sermon. Suddenly it hit me! My difficulty with the sermon subject was not in its truth or its inspiration. It was in my practice of it! My approach to the difficult problems was not an approach of faith but of analysis. Faith does not forbid analysis, but action is dependent on faith.

My dilemma deepened and the clouds became blacker because now I was convicted of a sin in my life, not acting by faith. It's hard on a preacher when he realizes he isn't practicing what he is preaching! It was now time to take stock of those things which are true. Mark 14:60-62 speaks of the reality of Jesus, God's Son, fulfilling the Divine Mission. He was the Christ, the Son of Man, and the I Am. He would deal with the redemptive needs of men and the problem of sin.

Dr. Sam Shoemaker once said, "Act as if the whole thing, the Gospel, the Good News, the reality and love of God as revealed by Christ—act as if it were all true. Never mind if you have doubts, never mind if you feel it's all too good to be true. Act as if it were so."

Faith in "what is" requires two things: 1) to believe that God has so directed our lives that reading this is a part of His plan and purpose; 2) to believe that God is able to take the circumstances of our lives, just as we are, and make something useful of them.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote in "Aurora Leigh"

"Earth's crammed with Heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries."

Faith in what is means more than picking blackberries! God is working and so must we. The astounding truth of "what is" definitely is sufficient foundation for working toward what ought to be.

Staff Changes

Jimmy Smith is the new minister of music at Eastwood Church, Indianola. He moved there from First Church,

Lambert, where he held a similar position (part time in both places.) He is principal of Ruleville Junior High School and his wife, Martha Jean, teaches music at Drew. Smith received BME, M.Ed., and Ed.S. degrees from Delta State University.

L. C. Anthony is the new pastor of Arm Church, Lawrence County. He and his wife, Willow Dean and two of their children, Beth and Derrick, moved to Arm from Northside Church, Vicksburg. Anthony is a native of Scott County and a former pastor in Jeff Davis County.

Tim Key is the new music director for Conehatta Church, Newton County. From Jasper, Ala., he is a student at Clarke College.

Oak Hill, Booneville, has called J. C. Prather as pastor. Prather, a native of Tippah County, is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he received a Master of Divinity degree in December of 1979.

He was ordained by Pleasant Hill Church, New Albany, Miss., where he served as deacon for five years before accepting the call into the ministry in 1977. This is his first pastorate in Mississippi, after serving several churches in Indiana. He is married to the former Martha Smart and they have two sons.

Randel C. Lindsay is the new pastor of Vaiden Church. He and his wife Cathy Lynne have moved on the field. The church recently decorated the parsonage.

The Bible reveals the wicked heart of man and the gracious heart of God. — Thomas Watson

Life and Work Lesson

Keeping The Vision Alive

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor

First, Holly Springs

Hebrews 10:23-25, 32-35; 11:13-16

The writer of Hebrews projects the proposition that the New Testament in Jesus' blood is superior to and supplants the First Testament in animal blood. He is writing to the unsaved Jew primarily to convince him the First Testament (9:18), the Levitical system of sacrifice, has been replaced by the New Testament System (9:15), the sacrifice of the cross. And, secondly, the writer announces that saving faith does endure, (10:39).

I. Living Faith Produces Fruit (Hebrews 10:23-25).

The writer lists the three great characteristics of Christianity: faith, v. 23; love, v. 24; and hope by implication in v. 25. James noted in his epistle that faith without works is dead. Likewise the writer of Hebrews notes that faith which fails to produce fruit is also dead. Faith is a way of life as opposed to flesh life. The faith life enables us to know and live with God. Love enables us to share life with God and our fellowmen. Hope keeps alive that vision of what is to come in the future with God in his home (heaven).

The author encourages his readers to hold fast their profession and not waver between the desire to go on to faith in the Messiah or to go back to the temple sacrifices.

"Wavering" means do not lean back toward the First Testament (9:18). Some who were near trusting Christ by faith were tempted to turn back because of the threat of persecution. He is probably addressing two kinds of Jewish people. First some had received Christ into their life as Saviour. Others had received the intellectual message of the gospel without mixing faith with it. It is probably this latter group which the author was endeavoring to reach.

In verses 24 and 25 several ways are suggested to encourage faithfulness. First, inciting and encouraging one another to love and good works. Second, encouragement was given to continue in worship and fellowship with one another. Third, encouragement to mutually support one another was given. God's faithfulness is a source to stir us to hold fast the confession of our hope. He will fulfill every promise, bestow help in our trials and will crown us with glory in the end. Therefore, pain or distress which comes by per-

secution must not darken the vision of the great hope awaiting us in the Lord at the end.

II. Living Faith Produces Strength From Past Experiences (Hebrews 10:32-35).

Today's problems are sometimes overcome by strength gained by yesterday's victories. Growth and spiritual strength comes by a living faith. The readers are urged to remember how they overcame former persecution. The word translated "fight" was used by the Greeks to speak of an athletic contest or combat. It refers to a terrific struggle. "Afflictions" refers to personal suffering. The idea is to get the recipient to remember how God gave strength in the past and to trust him for this again.

Note the type of persecution: first, they were gazing stock. Our word theatre comes from this same word. It means here their persecutors had set them forth as spectacles; they were exposed to contempt. This contempt may have consisted of being denounced by their family, confiscation of property by the authorities, but none had suffered martyrdom as yet. Second, they were experiencing reproaches and afflictions. The word reproach here means to upbraid, to revile, or to cast in one's teeth. Bitter invectives were hurled at the Judaizers who embraced Christianity. Afflictions as used here means a pressing together, oppression, tribulation, distress, or dire straits.

In verse 34 it seems that they were made to suffer because they ministered to the suffering. You sympathized with the suffering at the cost of having your goods plundered. You lost your property. But, your treasure is not in material goods anyway. This word "spoiling" refers to the violent, unjust seizure of the property of those who were being persecuted. However, God's grace not only enabled you to accept this, but you were able to accept it with joy. They never lost their vision of their rewards. Their value system was based on things eternal, not temporal.

III. Living Faith Lives As Examples

After Death (Hebrews 11:13-16).

There are four phases to the faith life: (1) Faith enables us to be somebody. It is the principle which enables us to appropriate salvation in Christ. (2) Faith makes possible for us to be-

lieve. One cannot come to nor follow God without faith. (3) Faith gives vision to see something. It is by faith that we can see Christ and his sacrificial death for us. It is by faith that we can see heaven even as did Abraham. (4) Finally, faith enables us to bestow something. Just as these listed on God's honor-roll of faith in Hebrews 11, bestowed a living example for us, so can we for others.

In verse 13 those who died in faith died according to faith. They died under the regime, the control of faith, and not by sight. They "embraced" these promises of God by faith and vision. As seamen wave their greeting to a country seen far off on the horizon, on which they could not land, so these accepted and saw God's promises to them. They were as pilgrims to the Holy City who see its towers and spires, and who ecstatically point to the vision and shout its acclaim.

The writer notes that they died in the character of faith. Even though they did not receive the fulfilled promises, they saw and greeted them from afar. Like Abraham they were looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. This is the country to which they really belong.

Jesus noted that Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad. This is vision that only faith can bring. These readers faced persecution. Maybe they saw the old congregation in Rome and maybe Peter and Paul brought to martyrdom. So what! The Patriarchs had disregarded everything in the way of an earthly home. They passed through life and died as nothing but aliens among men. They were aliens with a cause. They aspired to a heavenly home — as Augustine thought of it, "The City of God." Surely, the vision and faith of these, though dead, continue to speak.

Abdjan, Ivory Coast — The first chorus book produced by Baptists in Francophone (French-speaking) countries of Africa is to be off the presses by spring. The collection will be produced in two editions — one, a words-only edition, and the other with words and tunes. Jerry R. Robertson, Southern Baptist music missionary, has written down much of this indigenous music which has never been in print.

Bible Book Series

Paul's Treacherous Journey

By J. Roy McComb

Pastor, First, Columbia

Acts 27:1-28:10

Paul had appealed as a Roman citizen to Caesar for final judgment. The decision was made to send him to Rome. The following verses deal with his journey to Rome.

I. The Apostle's Voyage from Caesarea to Crete (Acts 27:1-8). Paul and other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius, who belonged to the Imperial Regiment. Paul is distinguished from the other prisoners. It would appear that the other prisoners were perhaps guilty men who had already been tried and found guilty and even sentenced. They may have been on their way to Rome to meet other prisoners in the gladiator combat. The man who was in charge of them was directly connected to the Caesar in Rome.

After one day's travel they landed at Sidon. The ship they took was to stop in ports along the coast of the province of Asia. After landing in Sidon they put out to sea, and passed Cyprus because of heavy winds pressing against them. Finally they landed in Myra in Lycia. There the centurion got an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy. The heavy ship, after several days, arrived off Cnidus and then moved along the island of Crete. Moving very slowly, the big ship made its way to Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea.

By this time much time had been lost. The weather was getting bad. The season for storms was upon them. Paul warned them that they should not continue the voyage because it would be disastrous. The centurion did not listen to Paul, but listened to the pilot and the owner of the ship. The decision was made not to remain there, but to move along, hoping to reach Phoenix. This was not the first, nor the last time, that God's spokesman was not listened to. The consequences of overlooking the spokesman of God is always disastrous.

II. The storm assaults the ship (Acts 27:12-26). At first it appeared that Paul was wrong. A gentle south wind began to blow and they thought they had the wind they needed. They weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before long Paul's prediction began to come true. A wind of hurricane force arose. It was called the northeastern.

The ship was caught by the storm

and could not head into the wind, so it was driven to and fro. The storm was so furious that it even appeared that the lifeboat would be lost. The lifeboat was taken on board and tied down.

The writer is giving us some very lucid pictures of the furiousness of the storm. The ship's crew lowered the sea anchor hoping that it would slow down the ship from being driven so rapidly by the storm. The ship was taking a violent battering from the storm. The men were afraid. They began throwing cargo overboard. They began throwing the ship's equipment overboard. For days, neither the sun nor the stars appeared, and the storm continued to rage. Finally, the men on board, except the man of God, were without hope.

Paul stood up in the midst of them and shared with them God's word to him. This was indeed a comforting word because it was full of hope. Paul said that the ship would be lost but that the men would be saved. The word of God is always a word of hope to human beings. Human beings are always in the storms of life. If you have not been in the storm of life, you will be if you live long enough. You will come to know, as many others, that the word of God in the midst of the storm is indeed a word of comfort.

III. The ship is wrecked. (Acts 27:27-44). On the fourteenth day the ship was being driven across the Adriatic Sea. About midnight the sailors sensed that they were near land. They checked the depth and found that it was 120 feet. A short time later they checked it again and it was only 90 feet. This indicated to them that indeed they were moving close to land as the water became more shallow. This brought fear into their hearts. They felt sure that the ship would be dashed against the rocks near the shoreline.

They dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. Some of them in an attempt to escape tried to let the lifeboat down, pretending they were going to lower some other anchors. Paul advised the centurion that if the soldiers did not come back aboard they indeed would be destroyed, so the centurion had the ropes cut that held the lifeboat and the soldiers were forced to stay aboard.

Paul urged them to eat, since they had not eaten in 14 days. He told them that they would need the strength from

the food to get ashore when the ship was destroyed. He broke the bread and gave thanks to God. They were all encouraged, and ate food. There were 276 aboard the ship.

After they had eaten they lightened the ship by throwing the grain overboard. When daylight came they realized that they were indeed near shore; they could see a sandy beach. However, after men cut loose the anchors, the ship was slammed into a sand bar and began to break apart. The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent their escaping. The centurion in charge of Paul would not allow this. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks and pieces of the ship. Everyone reached the land safely.

Again we can call attention to the truth of God's word to them through the Apostle Paul. They were reluctant to listen to Paul, but each time Paul spoke to them it was the word of truth.

IV. The stay in Malta (Acts 28:1-10). The island where the ship had broken up was called Malta. The islanders were unusually kind to the shipwrecked crew. They built a fire and welcomed the ship's crew and passengers to the fire. It was raining and cold. Paul gathered some brush wood and as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened onto his hand. When the islanders saw this, they assumed that he was a guilty man and that justice was catching up with him. However, as time went past and the snake bite did not have any ill effects on Paul, they began to change their minds about him. They decided that he was a god.

The chief official of the island was Publius. He welcomed Paul and others into his home for three days and was very hospitable. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him, prayed for him, placed his hands on him and healed him. Consequently, the island brought its sick to be cured. The islanders honored Paul and when they were ready to set sail furnished the ship with the supplies that were needed.

One can conclude here that in spite of the most adverse circumstances God's people can have a ministry. Paul was in the worst of circumstances, but it turned out to the glory of God as he ministered to the islanders in the name of his Saviour.